

I am referring to Docket: #98N-1038 "Irradiation in the Production Processing and Handling of Food."

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As a mom and a wife and the cook for my family I am concerned about the current idea of not labeling foods as having been irradiated. It is hard enough finding good produce in most of my area's grocery stores. I believe the quality of food has deteriorated in the last 20 years of production. I believe in that all foods containing added preservatives or ingredients or having been treated by irradiation should be clearly labeled with a written statement on the label indicating such treatment. These labels should be easy to read and placed in close proximity to the name of the food. I think also that the radura, the international symbol of irradiated food should be on the label too. If the food is not packaged this information should be clearly displayed on a poster in plain view and adjacent to where the product is displayed for sale.

I believe all labels required by federal law irradiation labels must be truthful and not misleading. The proposals to use phrases like cold pasteurization are unacceptable to me and my family. The terms "treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation" needs to be in the label, the radura symbol without written disclosure is not adequate.

Please do your job to the best of your ability. Please make sure that labeling requirements are honest and up front. As a mom and a consumer I feel I have a right to know as much about the food I feed my kids as I can.

Thanks for being there for my interests!

Sincerely



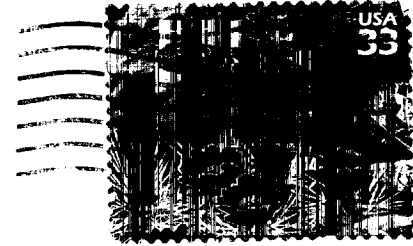
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